REMARKS

Claims 1-5 remain in the application and new claims 6-10 have been added.

New claims 6, 9, and 10 recite an important feature of the present invention, shown in Figs. 7-9, wherein the transmitted control data packet and the data packet have a common header field.

Further, new claims 6-10 recite another important feature of the present invention, shown in Figs. 7-9, wherein the header field and the data field have independent error correcting codes added thereto.

Furthermore, new claims 6 and 8 recite a still further important feature of the present invention, shown in Figs. 7 and 8, wherein the header field includes an appended tail bit indicating a termination of the header field.

An early and favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

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